



Azalea Road Project

Lake Craig Flood Management

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Timeline

April 18, 2015 – Celebration Event

2015 JANUARY/FEBRUARY
Project complete

2014 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
Installation of sidewalk
Final paving of new and existing road
Installation of Stormwater BMPs
Installation of waterline to soccer facility

2014 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
Assembly of bridge
Sidewalk installation
Patching existing Azalea Road

2014 SPRING/SUMMER
Grading floodplain and bridge construction begun

2014 FEBRUARY
Grading
Bridge abutments
Stream restoration

2013 JUNE 15
Begin construction

2013 MAY 21
Award construction contract

2013 FEBRUARY 6
Planning & Zoning Review
([minutes & audio recording](#))

2012 DECEMBER 7
Technical Review Committee review

2012 SEPTEMBER 25
[Environmental assessment](#) completed.

2012 MARCH through NOVEMBER 2nd and 3rd
community meetings held

2012 FEBRUARY 14
Presentation to City Council

2011 NOVEMBER 4
First community meeting

What's happening now?

The new one-way road section over the bridge opened in late January and the finishing touches are complete.

The City of Asheville and community partners will celebrate the completion of the Azalea Road/Lake Craig improvement project with a dedication event on Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Azalea Park in Asheville.

The dedication will kick off at the new Azalea Road Bridge with remarks by City of Asheville Mayor Esther Manheimer and honored guests, and will be followed by a rubber ducky race on the Swannanoa River hosted by the Asheville Buncombe Youth Soccer Association (ABYSA).

Why it's happening

Phase I of the Lake Craig / Azalea Road Improvements Project is an effort to better manage high water flood events and create new and improved infrastructure for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists at one of the City of Asheville's most popular park complexes. The \$3.7 million project [uses a mix of federal and state local funds](#) and will include:

- Much needed [flood control](#)
- Traffic signal and turn lane along NC 81 near the [WNC Nature Center](#), [Recreation Park](#), and the [John B. Lewis Soccer Complex](#) (NCDOT project)
- Sidewalks along Swannanoa River Road, a bike path and road improvements along Azalea Road
- One-way road into the John B. Lewis Soccer Complex to improve safety

Supporting documents

[Environmental assessment](#)

[Aerial photo of proposed project](#)

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